

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Patricia Francene McDonough (C08-634)

ORDER

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. (2001 Reenactment) Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), has investigated a complaint charging Patricia Francene McDonough (NA32865) (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

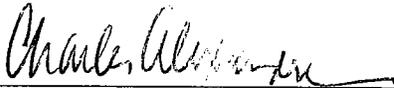
After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Saint Elizabeth Home, East Greenwich, RI.
3. That is, on or about November 4, 2008, Respondent removed duragesic patches on several occasions from one resident and on one occasion for another resident for personal use. Respondent also removed discarded patches from resident's trash and ingested the patches. Respondent's activity was witnessed by several individuals.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby revoked for a period of five (5) years commencing April 20, 2009.
2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in the practice of a Nursing Assistant. In addition, Respondent must meet all educational requirements for licensure in effect at the time Respondent applies for licensure.
3. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
4. That this Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.

Ordered this 30th day of March 2009



Charles Alexandre, RN, MSN
Chief, Health Professions Regulation